



Town Shellfish Crier
March 11, 2019

1. Tomorrow is Aquaculture Gear Clean-Up Day (Sat., Feb. 23)

We have scheduled an aquaculture gear clean-up day during tomorrow's -1.3 morning tide. **Please meet at our offices at 6:30 a.m. tomorrow so we can divide and conquer.** 44% of grant holders submitted overwintering agreements listing a total of more than 3,000 racks left out. Unfortunately, the ice was devastating to many, and we feel horrible about the loss of oysters and expensive gear. We have been impressed by how many people have come together to help find and remove gear so far, but we need a negative tide to find more. We are also concerned about lost gear impacts on draggers and recreational boaters. We need a community effort to help find and retrieve the gear, including by boat. Many thanks to the DPW and Transfer Station crew for putting a dumpster at Mayo Beach to make it easier.

2. Grant Reports Due February 28

Friendly reminder to grant leaseholders: Your annual grant reports are due to Jeanne Mac in Town Hall by next Thursday, February 28. Please get them in on time.

3. Wellfleet Commercial Shellfishermen's Association

A new group has formed to give Wellfleet shellfishermen a forum to discuss issues important to them and a voice both in town and regionally. The Wellfleet Commercial Shellfishermen's Association will hold a meeting on Saturday, February 23, at 6 p.m. at the Council on Aging. Please attend to learn more and share your ideas. The association has asked us if we would share your email addresses with them. We are happy to do it, but want to ask your permission first. If you DO NOT want us to share your email, please let us know right away. Otherwise, we will share your email with them, and you will get invitations and updates directly.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas for information to include in these communications. Thank you!

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